

II. Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A shelf for containing liquids spilled thereon, comprising:
a shelf having a surface; and
a barrier for containing spilled liquids to said shelf, said barrier including at least two ~~one~~ upwardly turned portions ~~portion~~ integrally formed from said surface and end caps, said end caps encapsulating both of and adjacent said two upwardly turned portions ~~portion~~ to complete said barrier.
6. (Original) A shelf as defined in claim 1, wherein said substantially planar surface is an optically clear, tempered glass plate having an upper surface, a lower surface, and a perimeter edge having a front edge, a left edge, a right edge and a rear edge.
7. (Previously Amended) A shelf as defined in claim 6, wherein said glass plate is a soda-lime silicate glass plate.
8. (Original) A shelf as defined in claim 1, wherein at least one portion of said plate adjacent one edge is upwardly turned to create a barrier for spilled liquids.
9. (Previously Amended) A shelf as defined in claim 6, wherein two portions of said glass plate are upwardly turned to create two barriers for spilled liquids.

10. (Previously Amended) A shelf as defined in claim 9, wherein a portion of said glass plate adjacent said front edge is upwardly turned, and a portion of said plate adjacent said rear edge is upwardly turned.
11. (Original) A shelf as defined in claim 10, wherein said upwardly turned portion adjacent said front edge is a front flange, and said upwardly turned portion adjacent said rear edge is a rear flange.
12. (Original) A shelf as defined in claim 11, wherein said front flange has an upper and lower surface.
13. (Original) A shelf as defined in claim 11, wherein said rear flange has an upper and a lower surface.
14. (Original) A shelf as defined in claim 6, wherein said end caps are located on said left and said right edges of said plate.
15. (Original) A shelf as defined in claim 11, wherein said flanges are approximately .157 to .315 inches wide.
16. (Original) A shelf as defined in claim 15, wherein said flanges are approximately .236 inches wide.

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17. (Original) A shelf as defined in claim 11, wherein said flanges are upwardly turned approximately 30 to 90 degrees from the horizontal.
18. (Original) A shelf as defined in claim 17, wherein said flanges are upwardly turned approximately 45 degrees from the horizontal.
22. (Original) A shelf as defined in claim 1, wherein said end caps have a top, a left, a right, a bottom, a front and a rear surface.
23. (Original) A shelf as defined in claim 11, wherein said end caps meet with said upwardly turned front and rear flanges to form a reservoir for spilled liquids.
24. (Original) A shelf as defined in claim 14, wherein a seal is located between said plate and said right and left end caps to form a fluid tight barrier between said plate and said end caps.
25. (Original) A shelf as defined in claim 24, wherein said seal is a siloxane-type polymer.
26. (Original) A shelf as defined in claim 24, wherein said seal is a room temperature vulcanizing silicon adhesive.

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101. (New) The shelf of claim 6, wherein said end caps each have a channel for receiving at least a portion of at least one of said perimeter edges.

102. (New) The shelf of claim 6, wherein each of said end caps are extruded to a complementary shape of at least a portion of at least one of said perimeter edges, including said upwardly turned portions.

103. (New) The shelf of claim 6, wherein each of said end caps are molded to a complementary shape of at least a portion of at least one of said perimeter edges, including said upwardly turned portions.